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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on March 18, 2003. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the amendment filed September 13, 2002 changes the inventions from claims directed to cellulose acetate compounds, a method of producing a cellulose acetate compound, a dope containing the cellulose acetate compound and a method for improving the releasability of a film from a support, to inventions containing claims directed to cellulose triacetate compounds, a method of producing a cellulose triacetate compound, a dope containing the cellulose triacetate compound, and a method for improving the releasability of a film from a support. A request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 132 and 37 C.F.R. 1.114, does not allow Applicants to change their invention. Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period for reply supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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